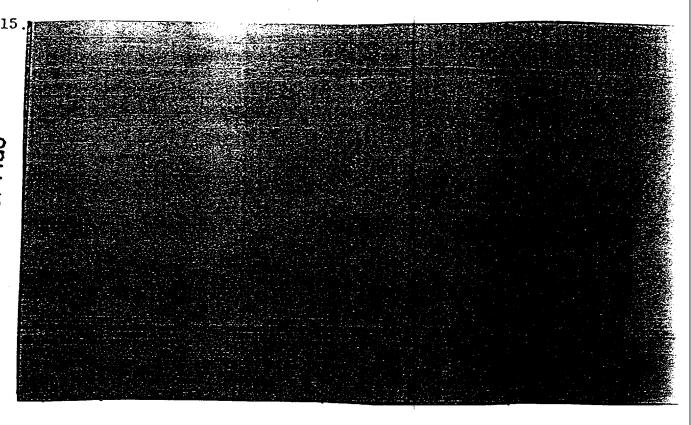
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Uruguay Reportedly Rebuffs Cuban President: The Uruguayan National Council of Government reportedly has decided to refuse Cuba's request for an official invitation to President Dorticos, who had hoped to visit Montevideo on his way home from Argentina's independence day celebrations on 25 May. Brazil has agreed to invite Dorticos.

According to a usually reliable source, Uruguay's President Nardone will notify the Cuban ambassador of the council's decision, giving a trumped-up excuse. At the same time, Nardone will tell the ambassador that the council is annoyed over the Cuban Embassy's increasingly strident propaganda activities, which some council members believe verge on intervention in Uruguay's internal affairs.

Presumably the embassy's cultivation of pro-Communist, antigovernment labor unions and its strongly anti-US radio program are among the activities most galling to the council. The government may also fear that a visit by Dorticos would prompt disorderly pro-Cuban student demonstrations like those that took place during President Eisenhower's visit in March, and possibly also demonstrations against the government's unpopular economic reform program.

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